

# *American Center for Van and Tire Safety*

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**What tire safety means to us.**

**What are some of the major issues.**

**What can be done.**

# **Current major issues relating to tire safety**

Lack of consensus on tire aging guidelines

Ineffective tire recall system

Inadequate consumer education

# **Recommendations to improve tire safety**

- Reach consensus on tire aging guidelines and educate the consumer accordingly.
- Increase public awareness as to how to find a tire's date of manufacture ... or change tire labeling so that date of manufacture is obvious to the average consumer.
- Revise the tire registration/recall system to improve return rate of recalled tires.

# Recommendations to improve tire safety

- Direct NHTSA to implement a national tire database where one can input a tire TIN and determine if the tire has been recalled.
- Implement expanded consumer education on tire maintenance and safety. Emphasize consumer responsibilities.
- Improve tire service training to include guidelines on tire aging and checking for tire recalls. Encourage conversations with consumers relating to tire safety.

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